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SUBJECT:POSSIBLE INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON TRANSPORT
INFRASTRUCTURE, MAY 23-29, 1976 IN ECUADOR

BEGIN SUMMARY: DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE
IN CLARIFYING STATUS OF PLANNING FOR SUBJECT CONFERENCE.
END SUMMARY.

1) ON SEPTEMBER 29 MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, RAUL PUMA
VELASCO, ADVISED SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION COLEMAN
THAT THE INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON TRANSPORT INFRA-
STRUCTURE WOULD NOT BE HELD IN OCTOBER, 1975, BUT WOULD
WITHOUT FAIL TAKE PLACE MAY 23-29. IN VIEW OF CHANGES
IN ECUADORIAN CABINET, DOT IS INTERESTED IN KNOWING
WHETHER PLANS FOR THIS CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN ABANDONED OR
SHIFTED TO THE PRESENT MINISTER.

2) THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN
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KNOWING THE PRECISE STATUS OF THIS SERIES OF CONFERENCES,

OF WHICH TWO EARLIER SESSIONS WERE HELD IN MEXICO. IS IT CONSIDERED INTER-GOVERNMENTAL, I.E., ARE INVITATIONS FORWARDED BY THE GOE THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO THE OTHER AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS OR, AS SEEMS TO BE THE

CASE, ARE INVITATIONS SENT ONLY DIRECTLY TO MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION? HOW MANY OTHER AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE INDICATED THEIR INTENTION OF ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE? ARE ANY SPECIFIC POINTS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION?

3) IF POSSIBLE, EMBASSY SHOULD FORWARD COPIES OF DRAFT AGENDA; REGULATIONS; DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE, ETC. TO ENABLE DEPARTMENT TO ARRIVE AT AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROPOSED MEETING AND THE DESIRABILITY OF ANY U.S. PARTICIPATION THEREIN.

4) EMBASSY MEXICO REQUESTED TO COMMENT IF INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO IT. KISSINGER

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